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Serial No. 10/675,577	Filing Date September 30, 2003	Examiner To Be Assigned	Group Art Unit 3721
Inventor(s) August J. Borschke, et al.			
Title of Invention Smokable Rod For A Cigarette			

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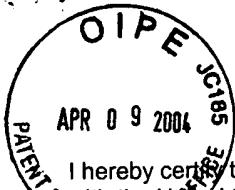

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

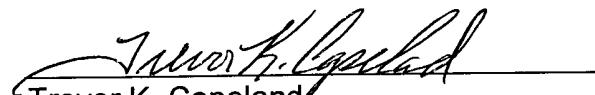
Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

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